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hurst, before a stream which he did  
not know  
existed in this part of the district.

"That is something new," he said.

"It certainly is," Jenny answered.  
"I do.  
not remember any stream in this  
place."

"It is more like a canal," Captain  
Gould re-  
marked.

"You are right, captain," said Fritz.  
"Mr,

Wolston must have conceived the idea of  
drawing  
water from Jackal River to supply  
Swan Lake,  
and keep it full during the hot  
weather, which  
would enable them to irrigate the  
land round  
Wood Grange."

"Yes," Frank went on, "it must  
have been  
your father, Dolly, who had that  
notion and  
carried it out."

"Oh!" said Dolly. "But I expect  
your  
brother Ernest had a finger in the  
pie!"

"No doubt—our learned Ernest!"

Fritz agreed.

"And why not the intrepid Jack—  
and M.  
Zermatt too?" Captain Gould  
enquired.

"Everybody, then," said Jenny,  
laughing.

"Yes, every one of both the  
families, which  
now are really one," Fritz answered.

The boatswain broke in, as was his  
way, with  
a very just remark :

" If those who cut this canal did well,  
those who  
thrs w a bridge across it deserve  
quite as much  
∴ graise, So let us go over and march  
on ! "